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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14-16 are currently pending in the application. Applicant has added new claims 17-21. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 14-16 and indicating that claims 2-4 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 3-8 are now allowable over the cited prior art.

New claims 17-21 are apparatus claims, wherein claims 18-21 depend from claim 17. Claim 17 is directed to a system for connecting a first and second conductive surface, including, among other things, a compressor that is responsive to a feedback signal that is generated by a meter configured to measure an electrical characteristic. The recitation in claim 17 of the compressor being responsive to the feedback signal is similar to the recited step in claim 1 (as amended) of "adjusting an amount of pressure applied during the compressing step in response to said feedback signal", which the Examiner has previously indicated distinguishes the claimed invention from the cited prior art. Therefore, Applicant submits that new claims 17-21 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims 1-8 and 14-21 are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions or issues relating to Applicant's response, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative. It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified in any transmittal accompanying this paper. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge Account No. 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC.

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